

REFERENCE TITLE: physician recruitment and retention fund

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Introduced by
Representative Tobin

AN ACT

AMENDING TITLE 15, CHAPTER 13, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, BY ADDING SECTION 15-1756; TRANSFERRING MONIES; RELATING TO MEDICAL PROGRAMS.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Title 15, chapter 13, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes,
3 is amended by adding section 15-1756, to read:

4 15-1756. Arizona physician recruitment and retention fund;
5 exemption from lapsing; rules

6 A. THE ARIZONA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FUND IS ESTABLISHED
7 CONSISTING OF MONIES THAT ARE TRANSFERRED FROM UNEXPENDED AND UNENCUMBERED
8 AMOUNTS PREVIOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR THE PHOENIX MEDICAL CAMPUS. THE ARIZONA
9 BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ADMINISTER THE FUND. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS MAY
10 DISTRIBUTE GRANTS FROM THE FUND IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FIFTY THOUSAND
11 DOLLARS PER PERSON TO PHYSICIANS WHO ARE LICENSED PURSUANT TO TITLE 32,
12 CHAPTER 13 OR 17 AND WHO EITHER BEGIN PRACTICING MEDICINE IN THIS STATE AFTER
13 PRACTICING MEDICINE IN ANOTHER STATE OR DEMONSTRATE A COMMITMENT TO PRACTICE
14 MEDICINE IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS. MONIES IN THE FUND ARE
15 CONTINUOUSLY APPROPRIATED FOR USE BY THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS.

16 B. MONIES IN THE ARIZONA PHYSICIAN RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION FUND ARE
17 EXEMPT FROM THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 35-190 RELATING TO LAPSING OF
18 APPROPRIATIONS.

19 C. THE ARIZONA BOARD OF REGENTS SHALL ADOPT RULES TO CARRY OUT THE
20 PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, INCLUDING RULES REQUIRING REPAYMENT OF ALL OR A
21 PORTION OF THE GRANT AMOUNT IF A PHYSICIAN WHO RECEIVED A GRANT AND WHO
22 COMMITTED TO PRACTICE MEDICINE IN THIS STATE FOR AT LEAST TEN YEARS DOES NOT
23 FULFILL THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION OR THE RULES ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
24 THIS SECTION.

25 Sec. 2. Transfer of monies

26 Notwithstanding any other law, on the effective date of this act, all
27 monies remaining unexpended and unencumbered from amounts appropriated to the
28 university of Arizona for the Phoenix medical campus by Laws 2005, chapter
29 330, section 13, Laws 2006, chapter 344, section 37, Laws 2007, chapter 255,
30 section 101 and Laws 2008, chapter 285, section 18 are transferred to the
31 Arizona physician recruitment and retention fund established by section
32 15-1756, Arizona Revised Statutes, as added by this act.